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TAGS: MARR, MO, US

SUBJECT: US NAVAL FACILITY REDUCTIONS IN MOROCCO

REF: RABAT 2761

1. SUMMARY. DOD/STATE WORKING GROUP WILL ADDRESS
REDUCTIONS IN MOROCCO. DIFFERENCES IN PLANNING BETWEEN
REFTEL AND NAVY PROPOSAL CAN BE RESOLVED. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO MAJOR POLITICO-MILITARY ISSUES RAISED IN REFTEL, STATE AND DOD FORMED AN AD HOC STUDY GROUP TO EXAMINE FUTURE US BASING REQUIREMENTS IN MOROCCO. NSC STAFF REPRESENTATIVE IS ACTING AS CHAIRMAN.

3. THE USN IS PREPARING A DETAILED PLAN TO CLOSE OUT ALL OF ITS REMAINING INSTALLATIONS IN MOROCCO. THE STUDY GROUP WILL REVIEW THE NAVY PLAN IN THE CONTEXT OF USG INTERESTS IN MOROCCO. IN THIS REGARD OSD (ISA) HAS TASKED THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF TO STUDY POTENTIAL FUTURE REQUIREMENTS IN MOROCCO; THE JCS STUDY WILL INCORPORATE THE NAVY CLOSE OUT PLAN. THE FINAL DOD PACKAGE WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE STUDY GROUP AND FORWARDED TO ALL CONCERNED FOR COMMENT. WE EXPECT THAT A FULLY-COORDINATED PLAN WILL BE READY IN EARLY FALL 76 FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON'S USE WHEN HE DISCUSSES NAVY CLOSURE PLANS WITH KING HASSAN.

4. AT THIS TIME NAVY SEES TWO MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEIR INITIAL POSITIONS AND REFTEL:

A. NAVY PROPOSAL FOR COMPLETE CLOSEOUT VERSUS REFTEL RECOMMENDATION TO RETAIN TRAINING FUNCTION AT KENITRA.

B. NAVY DESIRE TO ACHIEVE CLOSURE IN A 15 MONTH PERIOD VERSUS REFTEL RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND CLOSURE PERIOD TO 18-24 MONTHS.

5. NAVY IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE OPERATION OF THE COMMUNICATION-EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SCHOOL (CEMS) AT KENITRA AFTER CLOSURE OF THE OTHER FACILITIES, PROVIDED FUNDING CAN BE IDENTIFIED UNDER AN APPROPRIATE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

6. NAVY IS PREPARED TO EXTEND THE PHASE-OUT PERIOD 18-24 MONTHS IF BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS CAN BE RESOLVED RECOGNIZING THAT CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE NAVCOMMSTA OR NAVTRACOM BEYOND FY 78 WOULD CREATE MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THE NAVY'S COMMUNICATIONS BUDGET AND SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

7. THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING OF
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